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SUBJECT: TRAVEL TO ISRAEL BY EMBASSY STAFF

UNDER PRESENT DELICATE POLITICAL CONDITIONS HERE I HAVE
IMPOSED A TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF TRAVEL BY MEMBERS OF
STAFF TO ISRAEL. GIVEN THE ACCUSATIONS IN THE PAPER OF
OUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE APRIL 10 RAID, OUR GENERAL ASSOCIA-
TION WITH ISRAEL, AND HYPERSENSITIVITY HERE RE SUCH ASSOCIA-
TION, IT SEEMS ONLY PRUDENT THAT WE SHOULD TAKE NO RISK
DURING THIS SITUATION. I AM PARTICULARLY CONCERNED SHOULD
A MEMBER OF THE STAFF WHO HAD JUST BEEN TO ISRAEL BE PICKED
UP BY THE FEDAYEEN FOR QUESTIONING. I WOULD, OF COURSE,
LIFT THE SUSPENSION JUST AS SOON AS THE SITUATION HERE
WARRANTS.
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